

Abstract of the Disclosure

METHOD OF PROVIDING NARRATIVE INFORMATION TO A TRAVELER

5 The present invention discloses a method of communicating narrative information to a traveler moving through a geographic region, said method comprising: (1) associating each of a plurality of narrations with each of a plurality of locations within the geographic region, wherein each of the plurality of narrations relate to each of a plurality of points of interest within the geographic region; (2) associating each of a plurality of alerts with each of the plurality of locations within the geographic region; (3) 10 communicating alerts to the traveler as the traveler freely moves throughout the geographic region, wherein the alerts are communicated when the traveler moves within a specified proximity to the locations associated with the alerts, and wherein the alerts advise the traveler with respect to the general nature of the point of interest associated with the location; (4) providing the traveler with the option of obtaining directions to the location associated with the point of interest; and (5) providing the traveler with the option of hearing the narration associated with the point of interest associated with the location. The subject invention further reveals a navigation system comprising: a position determining device; a means for associating each of a plurality of narrations 20 with each of a plurality of locations within the geographic region, wherein each of the plurality of narrations relate to each of a plurality of points of interest within the geographic region; a means for associating each of a plurality of alerts with each of the plurality of locations within the geographic region; a means for communicating alerts to the traveler as the traveler freely moves throughout the geographic region, wherein the alerts are communicated when the traveler moves within a specified proximity to the locations associated with the alerts, and wherein the alerts advise the traveler with respect to the general nature of the point of interest associated with the location; a means for providing the traveler with the option of obtaining directions to the location associated with the point of interest; and a means for providing the traveler with the option of hearing the narration associated with the point of interest associated with the 30 location.